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THE PARISHES OF ST. MONICA AND ST. LUCY

OCT 15
2023



28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Come to the feast." - Mt 22:4bc

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FOR BIBLICAL THEOLOGY**

By Dr. Scott Hahn
Dressing for the Feast

28th Sunday Ordinary Time (Year A)

Isaiah 25:6-10
Psalm 23:1-6
Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20
Matthew 22:1-14

Our Lord's parable in today's Gospel is again a fairly straightforward outline of salvation history.

God is the king (see Matthew 5:35), Jesus the bridegroom (see Matthew 9:15), the feast is the salvation and eternal life that Isaiah prophesies in today's First Reading. The Israelites are those first invited to the feast by God's servants, the prophets (see Isaiah 7:25). For refusing repeated invitations and even killing His prophets, Israel has been punished, its city conquered by foreign armies.

Now, Jesus makes clear, God has sending new servants, His apostles, to call not only Israelites, but all people - good and bad alike - to the feast of His kingdom. This an image of the Church, which Jesus elsewhere compares to a field sown with both wheat and weeds, and a fishing net that catches good fish and bad (see Matthew 13:24-43, 47-50).

We have all been called to this great feast of love in the Church, where, as Isaiah foretold, the veil that once separated the nations from the covenants of Israel has been destroyed, where the dividing wall of enmity has been torn down by the blood of Christ (see Ephesians 2:11-14).

As we sing in today's Psalm, the Lord has led us to this feast, refreshing our souls in the waters of baptism, spreading the table before us in the Eucharist. As Paul tells us in today's Epistle, in the glorious riches of Christ, we will find supplied whatever we need.

And in the rich food of His body, and the choice wine of His blood, we have a foretaste of the eternal banquet in the heavenly Jerusalem, when God will destroy death forever (see Hebrews 12:22-24).

But are we dressed for the feast, clothed in the garment of righteousness (see Revelation 19:8)? Not all who have been called will be chosen for eternal life, Jesus warns. Let us be sure that we're living in a manner worthy of the invitation we've received (see Ephesians 4:1).

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Welcome

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH FAMILY!

“So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God, through faith, for all you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ”

Galatians
3:26-27



ULTREYA

Tuesday, October 24th 7 - 8:30 PM
St. Lucy Church Hall
All Are Welcome!

Ultreya...this Spanish word means “Onward!” “Persevere!” “Hang in There!”...words of encouragement to each other as we travel on life’s journey.

Ultreya this month will be begin with Prayer Service and singing and includes voluntary sharing in small intimate and confidential groups, fellowship and refreshments that signify Christian hospitality.

Our guest speaker this month, John Carney, will offer a personal witness of what life was like before Cursillo and how it is now after the Cursillo experience. Come support our dear friend!

All parishioners are invited to come and share in this monthly evening of praise and worship. Please feel free to **invite a friend** to join you!



LIVING THE FAITH AS A FAMILY

A new K of C video series launches this week, one that seeks to illuminate the truth and beauty of the Church’s teachings on marriage and family and inspire Catholics to live them in the modern world. Look for episodes of *Into the Breach: The Mission of the Family* at kofc.org/missionofthefamily



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Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Pray for us!



Give something, however small, to the one in need. For it is not small to one who has nothing. Neither is it small to God, if we have given what we could. ~ St. Gregory Nazianzen



Catholic Men's Leadership Conference



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AND I HEARD THE VOICE OF THE LORD SAYING, "WHOM SHALL I SEND, AND WHO WILL GO FOR US?" THEN I SAID, "HERE I AM! SEND ME."

-ISAIAH 6:8



SPEAKERS



Professor Mike "Colonel Mike" Manning joined the Gordon Institute of Engineering Leadership in 2020 following a 24 year career in the US Army. He served in a variety of leadership, command and staff capacities ranging from leading troops in contingency operations in Kosovo and Iraq to advising partner nation governments and militaries in the Bahamas, Central America and Afghanistan. He has extensive experience in strategic and crisis planning. Mike is a graduate of Providence College and the US Naval War College. He also holds a Masters in National Security & Strategic Studies and completed a National Security Fellowship at The Fletcher School, Tufts University. In 2008, Colonel Mike was awarded a Honorary Doctorate from his Alma Mater, Providence College.

MSG. Michael M. Cutone is a 34-year veteran of US Army Special Forces, serving on active duty and in the Army National Guard in Haiti, and multiple deployments including Kosovo, Jordan, Kuwait, and Iraq. He also served at Camp Morehead Afghanistan. Throughout his career, Michael served in multiple staff positions. Michael also held a distinguished 21-year law enforcement career with the Massachusetts State Police, working as a patrol officer in high crime urban areas. Michael created the C3 Policing Model, which combines combating gang violence and restoring peace to urban neighborhoods. Michael has been invited to present this innovative model to many international, federal, state, local law enforcement and academic agencies. Michael is the author of *The Leadership of Jesus: Ten Fundamentals of Leadership*. He holds a BA in Political Science from the University of Massachusetts and was appointed as an Associate with the Belfer Center's Science, Technology and Public Policy Program at the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2023
9AM-12PM





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Candy treats-bring it all
So the kiddies can have a ball.



What is Trunk or Treat?

It's like trick-or-treat without a house. Families decorate their vehicle's trunks and fill them with candy. Children walk around and receive treats from each trunk. It's a safe, family friendly event.

We need your trunk!

We want to make this a can't miss night, and we need you and your trunk! Attached is your registration form or volunteer to help during the event. Then, arrive at Saint Lucy's by 5:30pm that evening and set up your trunks with decorations and pack them full of candy for the kids! We'll have an area reserved just for the treat trunks. Get creative with your themes! We will have prizes for outstanding trunks!



FAMILY FRIENDLY TRUNKS PLEASE.

Candy donations....

Can't do a trunk donate candy instead! Candy may be dropped off at the school office or with Katie Dobson and Elizabeth Maroun

OFFERTORY SEPTEMBER 30 & OCTOBER 1

St. Monica - \$8,631.⁰⁰

St. Lucy - \$4,043.⁰⁰

Weekly Offertory needed to sustain parish operations: St. Monica - \$10,000 | St. Lucy - \$6,000

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Yes, I CAN... We are in need of soups, cereal, rice sides, peanut butter, jelly, canned pasta, canned beans, tuna, spaghetti sauce, canned fruit & pancake syrup. Donations can be dropped off anytime at the entrances to St. Lucy Church and the side door of Gethsemane Chapel at St. Monica Church.

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MASS SCHEDULE SAT 4 pm (VIGIL) both parishes
SUN 9 am & 12 pm St. Monica
10:30 am St. Lucy
MON/TUES/THURS/FRI 9 am St. Lucy
SATURDAY 9 am St. Monica

CONFESSIONS
SAT 3-3:45pm at both parishes

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON*Ps 130 (129): 3-4*

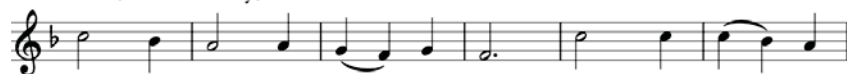
If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?
But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

ENTRANCE HYMN*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus**SSM23 #82*

1. Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; His the scep - ter,
2. Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans Are we left in
3. Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, Here on earth our



1. his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! His the tri - umph,
2. sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! He is near us,
3. food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! Here the sin - ful



1. His the vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of
2. Faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how. Though the cloud from
3. Flee to you from day to day. In - ter - ces - sor,



1. peace - ful Zi - on Thun - der like a might - y flood:
2. sight re - ceived him, When the for - ty days were o'er:
3. Friend of sin - ners, Earth's Re - deem - er, plead for me,



1. "Je - sus out of ev - ery na - tion Has re -
2. Shall our hearts for - get his prom - ise, "I am
3. Where the songs of all the sin - less Sweep a -



1. deemed us by his blood."
2. with you ev - er - more"?
3. cross the crys - tal sea.

PENITENTIAL ACT - GLORIA*Refer to Pew Card***FIRST READING***Is 25: 6-10a*

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will provide for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines, juicy, rich food and pure, choice wines. On this mountain he will destroy the veil that veils all peoples, the web that is woven over all nations; he will destroy death forever. The LORD GOD will wipe away the tears from every face; the reproach of his people he will remove from the whole earth; for the LORD has spoken. On that day it will be said: "Behold our God, to whom we looked to save us! This is the LORD for whom we looked; let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us!" For the hand of the LORD will rest on this mountain.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM*Ps 23 (22): 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6*

R. I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
In verdant pastures he gives me repose; beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul.

He guides me in right paths for his name's sake.
Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil;
for you are at my side with your rod and your staff that give me courage.

You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life;
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for years to come.

SECOND READING*Phil 4: 12-14, 19-20*

Brothers and sisters: I know how to live in humble circumstances; I know also how to live with abundance. In every circumstance and in all things I have learned the secret of being well fed and of going hungry, of living in abundance and of being in need. I can do all things in him who strengthens me. Still, it was kind of you to share in my distress.

My God will fully supply whatever you need, in accord with his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father, glory forever and ever. Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION*Eph 1: 17-18*

℣. May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ *
enlighten the eyes *of our hearts*,
so that we may know what is the hope *
that belongs *to our call*.

GOSPEL*Mt 22: 1-14*

Jesus again in reply spoke to the chief priests and elders of the people in parables, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son. He dispatched his servants to summon the invited guests to the feast, but they refused to come. A second time he sent other servants, saying, “Tell those invited: “Behold, I have prepared my banquet, my calves and fattened cattle are killed, and everything is ready; come to the feast.” Some ignored the invitation and went away, one to his farm, another to his business. The rest laid hold of his servants, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged and sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, ‘The feast is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy to come. Go out, therefore, into the main roads and invite to the feast whomever you find.’ The servants went out into the streets and gathered all they found, bad and good alike, and the hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to meet the guests, he saw a man there not dressed in a wedding garment. The king said to him, ‘My friend, how is it that you came in here without a wedding garment?’ But he was reduced to silence. Then the king said to his attendants, ‘Bind his hands and feet, and cast him into the darkness outside, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.’ Many are invited, but few are chosen.”

CREED*Refer to Pew Card***COMMUNION ANTIPHON***Ps 34 (33): 11*

The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle,
be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil.
May God rebuke him we humbly pray;
and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God,
cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits
who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN*I Heard the Voice of Jesus*

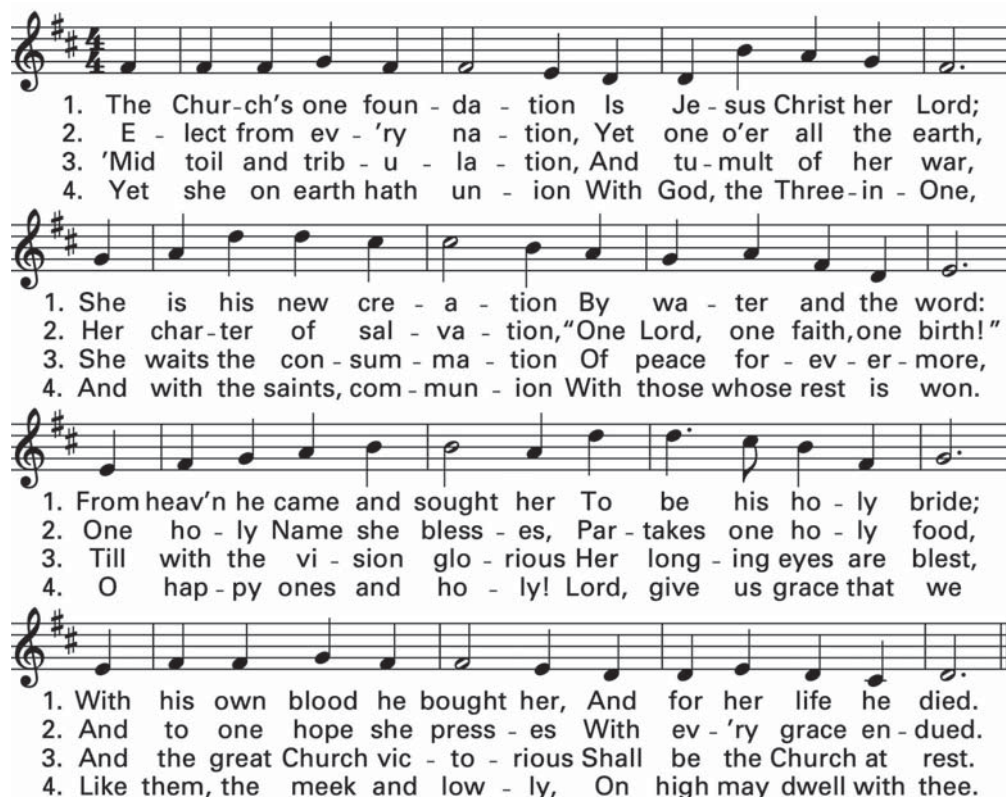

1. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and
 2. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly
 3. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's

1. rest; Lay down, thou wea - ry one, lay down Thy head up -
 2. give The liv - ing wa - ter; thirst - y one, Stoop down, and
 3. light; Look un - to me, thy morn shall rise, And all thy

1. on my breast." I came to Je - sus as I was, So
 2. drink, and live." I came to Je - sus, and I drank Of
 3. day be bright." I looked to Je - sus, and I found In

1. wea - ry, worn and sad; I found in him a
 2. that life - giv - ing stream; My thirst was quenched, my
 3. him my star, my sun; And in that light of

1. rest - ing place, And he has made me glad.
 2. soul re - vived, And now I live in him.
 3. life I'll walk Till trav - 'ling days are done.

POSTLUDE AT ST. MONICA*Mr. Bush*RECESSIONAL HYMN*The Church's One Foundation*


1. The Chur - ch's one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ her Lord;
 2. E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, Yet one o'er all the earth,
 3. 'Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion, And tu - mult of her war,
 4. Yet she on earth hath un - ion With God, the Three - in - One,

1. She is his new cre - a - tion By wa - ter and the word:
 2. Her char - ter of sal - va - tion, "One Lord, one faith, one birth!"
 3. She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of peace for - ev - er - more,
 4. And with the saints, com - mun - ion With those whose rest is won.

1. From heav'n he came and sought her To be his ho - ly bride;
 2. One ho - ly Name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food,
 3. Till with the vi - sion glo - rious Her long - ing eyes are blest,
 4. O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we

1. With his own blood he bought her, And for her life he died.
 2. And to one hope she press - es With ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
 3. And the great Church vic - to - rious Shall be the Church at rest.
 4. Like them, the meek and low - ly, On high may dwell with thee.

ST. MONICA PARISH

Saturday, October 14

9:00am Aline Duncan
Valorie Duncan
Mr & Mrs Mecleor Raza

4:00pm Paul Valliere

Sunday, October 15

9:00am For the Parishioners of
St. Monica & St. Lucy Parishes

12:00pm Helen Dobeck

Saturday, October 21

9:00am Joseph Lavigne
Yvette Moran
Mike Milnes

4:00pm Beverly Galvin

Sunday, October 22

9:00am Ruth Dorey
Eric Lewandowski
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Mary Ellen Allain

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Tues	10/17/23	Fr. William Carroll	Alden Bronson
Wed	10/18/23	Fr. Paul McPartland	Alexander De Tirado
Thurs	10/19/23	Msgr. Paul Ryan	Joseph Jasinski
Fri	10/20/23	All Passionists	Diego Mendoza
Sat	10/21/23	Fr. George Emerson	Henry Seuffert

ST. LUCY PARISH

Saturday, October 14

4:00pm James Jessick

Sunday, October 15

10:30am Pedro Alanya
John Bonanno
Inez G. Reid
Charles Larocque
Adelard Nault
Kathy Corey Silva

Monday, October 16

9:00am Janet Szostak

Tuesday, October 17

9:00am LIVING INTENTIONS
To St. Anthony for favors received
Barbara Goddard
Bob Costa

Thursday, October 19

9:00am Dick Doherty

Friday, October 20

9:00am Bruce Beverley

Saturday, October 21

4:00pm Ronald Landry

Sunday, October 22

10:30am Josephine & Anthony Carelli
Deceased members of the Carelli Family
Antonia & Evelina Mollica
Raymond Richard, Jr.
Salvatore Boragine, Sr.



PRAYER CORNER

Please pray for Brian J., Michelle, Marlene, Kay, Jim, Carlos S., Bill R., Patrice K., Jason, & Matt W.

Please pray for Palmerino Delli Colli whose funeral we recently celebrated.

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